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SUBJECT: OPIUM CULTIVATION IN BEKAA VALLEY OF LEBANON

REFERENCE: DAMASCUS 1992

1. DEPARTMENT IS INTERESTED IN PINPOINTING AND MEASURING
EXTENT OF ALLEGED OPIUM CULTIVATION IN LEBANON'S BEKAA
VALLEY IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHAT ACTION NEED BE TAKEN.
DURING FEBRUARY CND MEETING THERE WERE REPORTS CIRCULATING
ABOUT THIS CULTIVATION. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION
MISSION CAN DEVELOP FROM UN SOURCES.

2. FYI: IN THE SPRING OF 1976, A COORDINATOR FOR A UN
CROP-SUBSTITUTION PROJECT REPORTED THAT HIS ASSISTANTS
HAD SEEN OPIUM POPPY FIELDS IN THE AL HIRMIL AREA AND THAT
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THEY HAD HEARD THAT 780 HECTARES OF OPIUM POPPY HAD BEEN
PLANTED. MORE RECENTLY EMBASSY DAMASCUS REPORTED THAT
SYRIAN POLICE OFFICIALS WERE OF OPINION THAT ABOUT 100
HECTARES WAS TO BE PLANTED IN BAALBECK AND HIRMIL AREAS
OF THE BEKAA VALLEY (DAMASCUS 1145).
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